## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 229**

## By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Monte Belew to the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, provides for the creation of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(a), further provides that the governor shall appoint nine (9) members to the commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Monte Belew of Paris to serve on the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission to represent the 7<sup>th</sup> District; and

WHEREAS, subject to confirmation, Mr. Belew will serve a term on the commission that commenced on March 1, 2021, and expires on February 28, 2027; and

WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman who loves to hunt and fish, Mr. Belew is well informed on the subject of the conservation of game animals, birds, and fish within this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Belew has distinguished himself through a long and productive career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, he is a former patrolman and school resource officer with the Jackson Police Department and formerly served as a Tennessee State Trooper; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Belew protected and served his fellow citizens as Henry County Sheriff for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Belew currently serves as the Director of Public Safety at the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Belew's experience and dedication to wildlife and conservation issues would be a tremendous asset to the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(b)(1), provides that the members appointed to the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission by the governor shall be confirmed by the Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and by joint resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Monte Belew to a six-year term on the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission, such term to expire on February 28, 2027.

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